

Good morning. I am writing this testimony today to urge the state to adopt SB 4 for rent stabilization.

I am a renter in Hartford, CT and have been in the same apartment I am in for many years. My rent has increased every year that I have lived in my apartment, while the amenities and state of the building have deteriorated. The building is spending large amounts of money to continue expanding, yet it does not resolve tenant issues or continue to provide for current tenants like it will for new ones.

Every year my rent has started to chip away at larger and larger parts of my monthly expenses. I work in the restaurant business and know first-hand how increasing rent prices have led to my employees feeling stress, worry and the requirement to work more and more hours to meet rising rent costs.

Adopting rent stabilization and putting a cap on how much rent can increase each month will benefit the Connecticut community. Renters will no longer feel the constant doom and fear of making their rent this much, or if their current employment will satisfy their rent come a lease renewal.

It is for all these reasons that I urge the legislature to adopt SB 4.